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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJ: SOVIET FLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR U.S. REGISTRY AIRCRAFT

1. AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY REGARDING DANISH-BORN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN THALSTRUP (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) WHO RECENTLY ACQUIRED AMERICAN-REGISTERED LIGHT AIRCRAFT AND NOW WISHES ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING "TECHNICAL LANDING PERMIT" IN SOVIET UNION. AIRCRAFT IS DESCRIBED TO US AS A GRUMMAN TRAINER MODEL AA1B, U.S. REGISTRY NO. N6505L. THALSTRUP, WHO RECENTLY ACHIEVED SOME NOTORIETY IN AUSTRALIA BY FLYING AIRCRAFT FROM U.S. TO AUSTRALIA AFTER ONLY TEN HOURS FLIGHT INSTRUCTION, NOW WISHES MAKE ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP INCLUDING NORTH PACIFIC LEG TO ALASKAN MAINLAND. AS AIRCRAFT SHORT RANGE HE PROPOSES FLY FROM JAPAN TO PETROVLSK (PHONETIC) "ON KAMCHATKA PENINSULA" TO REFUEL EN ROUTE TO ALEUTIANS.

2. HE HAS APPROACHED SOVIET EMBASSY IN CANBERRA AND  
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BEEN TOLD SOVIET LANDING PERMIT COULD ONLY BE ARRANGED

IN MOSCOW. AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES MAINTAIN THEY CANNOT ASSIST HIM WITH SOVIET CLEARANCES DESPITE FACT HE IS AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN AS AIRCRAFT IS U.S. REGISTRY. THALSTRUP HAS ALSO APPROACHED U.S. AIR ATTACHE OFFICE IN CANBERRA WITH REGARD TO PERMISSION TO LAND IN ALEUTIANS AND HIS REQUEST WILL BE PROCESSED WHEN RECEIVED IN WRITING. HE HAS BEEN ADVISED SOVIET PERMIT UNLIKELY TO BE GRANTED. HE STATES HE AWARE OF THIS BUT WISHES TO PURSUE EFFORTS AND FORCE EXPLICIT SOVIET REFUSAL SO THAT HE CAN THEN "GO TO INTERNATIONAL PRESS" WITH STORY THAT SOVIETS HAVE FRUSTRATED HIS FLIGHT.

3. THALSTRUP APPEARS TO BE PUBLICITY-SEEKING ADVENTURER WITH WHOM WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED. HOWEVER, IN AS MUCH AS DFA HAS MADE OFFICIAL INQUIRY WE WOULD APPRECIATE (1) DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATED TO ASSIST THALSTRUP IN APPLICATION FOR SOVIET FLIGHT CLEARANCE AND (2) MOSCOW ASSESSMENT, IN ITS DISCRETION, OF POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING SOVIET CLEARANCES. WE HAVE CURRENT VERSION OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT INFORMATION MANUAL WHICH INCLUDES SOVIET REQUIREMENTS, BUT MANUAL DOES NOT APPEAR TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF U.S. RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS CASE. GREEN

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